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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ISRAEL-
EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP: SAN MARINO

1. PERMREP AND DELOFF MET JULY 6 WITH DEPUTY PERMREP OF SAN MARINO (JEAN-XAVIER MARGUILLIER)--ACTUALLY A FRENCH NATIONAL ALTHOUGH HE ALSO HOLDS A SAN MARINO DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT--TO DISCUSS SUBJECT ISSUE. PERMREP, NOTING THAT SAN MARINO LIKE ISRAEL WILL BE APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL ACTIVITY GROUP, STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING EVERY MEMBER STATE OF UNESCO FAVORABLY INCLINED TO ISRAEL APPLICATION BEING REPRESENTED AND PRESENT FOR THE SIX-WEEK DURATION OF UNESCO'S GENERAL CONFERENCE THIS FALL IN NAIROBI, KENYA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MARGUILLIER'S REQUEST, PERMDEL PROVIDED SOME BRIEF WRITTEN INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND OF THIS PARTICULAR UNESCO-ISRAEL ISSUE. PERMREP VERBALLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO THE SUCCESSFUL ISRAELI APPLICATION

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AT THIS UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE AND IMPORTANCE

OF EVERY VOTE GIVEN THE SPLIT BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN NATIONS WITHIN THE UNESCO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP OVER ADMISSION OF ISRAEL.

3. MARGUILLIER PROMISED THAT SAN MARINO WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THAT HE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS OTHERS IN WHICH THERE ARE SHARP EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES.

R. COMMENT: THE SAN MARINO PERMREP IS ALSO A FRENCHMAN HOLDING A SAN MARINO DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, BUT BOTH ARE INACTIVE IN UNESCO AND VIRTUALLY NEVER SEEN. APPARENTLY FORMAL ACCREDITATION AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SAN MARINO AT UNESCO WAS A SPECIAL FAVOR -- ENTAILING DIPLOMATIC STATUS--SECURED FOR THESE GENTLEMEN BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ELDERLY SAN MARINO PERMREP IS IN POOR HEALTH BUT ISISTS UPON ATTENDING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. AS HE ALSO HAS A DECIDED FONDNESS FOR "SPIRITED"LIVING, ACCORDING TO HIS DEPUTY, IT IS LIKELY THAT ATTENDANCE OF THE SAN MARINO DELEGATION WILL BE SOMETHING LESS THAN CONSISTENT.

5. INDICATIVE OF MARGUILLIER'S PURELY TITULAR FUNCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE SAN MARINO PERMDEL HERE, HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS ANY COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OR ORIENTATION IN WHAT, FOR WANT OF A BETTER LABEL, MIGHT BE TERMED SAN MARINO'S "FOREIGN POLICY".
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